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2023 Award Recipient – David Benton Video Transcript

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♪ [music] ♪ In NCSBN's 45-year history, only a small number of esteemed individuals have received the Founders Award. Tonight, retiring NCSBN CEO David Benton joins that elite group. Over the last eight years, David has masterfully led NCSBN through growth, challenges, and change.

Under his visionary leadership, the organization built on its rich history and reached a new level of engagement and innovation on both the national and international stages. Throughout his time at NCSBN, David strategically advanced the organization as one of the leading voices for regulation in the world. David oversaw the launch of several major projects and initiatives during his tenure.

The Next Generation NCLEX was launched on April 1st of this year. NCSBN developed the groundbreaking Global Regulatory Atlas and also established the Innovative International Center for Regulatory Scholarship. He made the landmark decision to gather nurse leaders and regulators from around the world for the Regulation 2030 Conference in Chicago in 2016 in an endeavor to help chart the future of nursing regulation.

David shepherded the development of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, which has since grown to 41 jurisdictions. Additionally, he championed the APRN Compact, which is well on its way to implementation. With David's skilled guidance at the onset and throughout the pandemic, NCSBN both led and was an active participant in a number of domestic and international initiatives designed to increase access to the NCLEX, reduce regulatory barriers for providers, open clinical experiences for nursing students, and offer innovative responses to COVID-19 in an effort to support nurse regulatory boards.

David was also a significant contributor to the World Health Organization's State of the World's Nursing 2020 Report, offering a regulatory perspective and providing accurate data, evidence, and suggestions for legislative change. The prestigious Founders Award is given only upon the occasion that an individual with ethics, integrity, and sincerity has demonstrated the highest regard for the ideals and beliefs upon which NCSBN was founded.

David's demonstrated courage, sustained commitment to excellence in nursing regulation, and vision for innovation to enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the public are just some of the ways he has helped shape nursing regulations brilliant future and the reasons we honor him with this award.

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